

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This case has been carefully reviewed and analyzed in view of the Official Action dated 16 November 2005.

The allowance of Claims 12, 13, 17 and 18 is acknowledged and appreciated.

In the Official Action, Claims 9 and 14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Kadambi, U.S. Patent 6,956,530. Responsive to this rejection, Claims 9 and 14 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof.

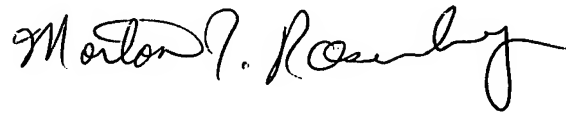
The Examiner objected to Claims 10 – 11 and 15 – 16 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but stated that these Claims 10 – 11 and 15 – 16 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, Claim 10 has been rewritten into independent form to include the limitations of the base Claim 9; and Claim 15 has been rewritten into independent claim form to include all the limitations of the base Claim 14. The allowance of Claims 10, and 15, as amended, is believed; and the same is respectfully requested.

Claims 11 and 16 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof.

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For all of the forgoing reasons, it is believed that the subject Patent Application is now fully in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

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